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Weekly Weather Crop Report

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending July 28, 1996. The main farming activities for the week were harvesting hay and corn silage and spraying fields for insects. Scattered rain provided relief to some pastures and crops. Soil moisture is 7 percent very short, 25 percent short, 55 percent adequate and 13 percent surplus.

Progress in Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1995	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Silked	100	98	100	96	2	8	34	45	11
	Dough	88	79	87	82					
	Dent	59	46	47	45					
	Mature	13	5	7	15					
	Silage Hvstd	27	20	24	26					
Cotton	Setting Bolls	98	93	93	82	1	4	26	53	16
Rice	Heading	62	48	58	41	3	5	42	36	14
Sorghum	Heading	93	80	82	77	0	6	27	54	13
	Turning Color	43	---	28	33					
Soybeans	Blooming	85	74	73	55	2	8	26	54	10
	Setting pods	64	46	41	23					
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	70	67	72	73	8	18	30	38	6
Peaches	Harvested	87	85	73	86	18	68	7	7	0
Watermelons	Harvested	76	65	80	64	0	14	53	31	2
Peanuts						0	0	11	70	19
Sweetpotatoes						0	2	16	70	12
Blueberries						8	31	32	25	4
Cattle						1	7	30	52	10
Pasture						5	16	37	36	6

County Agent Comments

"The county needs a general rain; soybeans and cotton are hurting. Insect pressure is high in cotton. Hay will be short due to hot, dry weather."

— Ronald L. Jones, Marshall County

"Pastures and hay fields need a good general rain. Most corn was really hurt by the dry weather in late May and June."

— Otis L. Davis, Madison County

"Plenty of rain in July makes us all optimistic about the corn and cotton crop. Hay has been short but is expected to get better due to the July rains. Insects in cotton have been low to moderate with some areas almost free of weevils and worms."

— Fred W. Rose, Webster County

"Cattle producers are quite busy with hay harvesting at this time. Hay yields are running about 40% of average years. Rains are just now beginning to come which has created hope of good late season cuttings."

— Mike Skipper, Winston County

"Forage and beef producers are working overtime harvesting and storing hay. Cotton is looking great with little insect pressure."

— Roger D. Jones, Perry County

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Weather Summary From July 22, 1996 to July 28, 1996 For Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation					4 Inch Soil Temperature			Ave Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Ave	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks		Max	Min	Ave	
1. Upper Delta														
Clarksdale	96	68	78	82	-4	2.42	+1.39	4	4.13		100	75	84	0.20
Cleveland														
Tunica	91	61	76	81	-5	0.80	-0.21	3	3.01		90	80	85	
Extreme/Average	96	61	77	81	-5	1.61	+0.59	4	3.57		100	75	84	0.20
2. North-Central														
Holly Springs	98	60	79	79	0	0.55	-0.54	3	1.23		99	78	87	0.24
Memphis	96	66	79	82	-3	1.61	+0.44	2	2.75					
Oxford	94	64	79	80	-1	2.14	+1.19	4	4.32					
Extreme/Average	98	60	79	80	-1	1.43	+0.36	3	2.77		98	78	87	0.24
3. Northeast														
Booneville	96	66	79	81	-3	0.68	-0.25	3	1.83					
Corinth	98	66	81	80	+1	0.87	-0.37	3	4.37					
Iuka	93	60	77			1.55		4	4.33					
Pontotoc	95	66	79	80	0	2.64	+1.46	4	8.74		92	77	85	0.28
Tupelo	94	66	79	81	-2	1.40	+0.16	3	5.86					
Verona														
Extreme/Average	98	60	79	81	-2	1.43	+0.28	3	5.03		97	74	85	0.28
4. Lower Delta														
Belzoni	95	66	79	82	-3	2.98	+1.64	5	4.25		101	86	92	
Greenwood	97	8	8		0	01-1	.031	0	01					
Rolling Fork	98	67	82			2.75	+1.58	5	3.94		112	85	96	0.21
Stoneville														
Yazoo City	97	68	82	82	0	2.17	+0.83	3	2.86					
Extreme/Average	98	66	81	82	-1	1.98	+0.76	4	2.77		112	85	94	0.21
5. Central														
Carthage	96	68	81	81	0	2.33	+1.00	5	4.72					
Jackson	95	68	81	82	-1	1.63	+0.53	5	5.18					
Winona	93	64	76	79	-3	0.69	-0.51	3	2.13					
Extreme/Average	96	64	79	81	-1	1.65	+0.34	4	4.01					
6. East-Central														
Brooksville	98	73	84			2.02	+1.32	3	5.00					
Columbus	95		8			3.7	7		3.7					
State University	93	70	80	81	-1	2.57	+1.54	4	6.72		102	77	87	
Extreme/Average	98	70	81	81	0	2.79	+1.92	4	5.16		102	77	87	
7. Southwest														
Crystal Springs	93	68	80			0.34		2	2.50		99	80	88	
Natchez	93	71	81	82	-1	1.81	+0.42	3	4.90					
Oakley	94	68	81			0.73	-0.16	4	1.95		99	78	88	
Vicksburg														
Extreme/Average	94	68	81	82	-1	0.96	-0.18	3	3.12		99	78	88	
8. South-Central														
Columbia	94	69	80	82	-2	0.96	-0.39	2	4.09					
McComb	96		81	81	0	1.16	-0.15	4	2.99					
Extreme/Average	96	69	81	81	0	1.06	-0.27	3	3.54					
9. Southeast														
Beaumont	98	67	83			0.67		3	4.07		111	78	90	
Hattiesburg	95	66	81	82	-1	0.10	-1.21	1	3.47					
Laurel														
Meridian	94	69	79	81	-2	3.36	+2.06	5	9.12					
Newton	96	68	81	80	+1	1.77	+0.70	4	3.72		97	73	83	0.23
Extreme/Average	98	66	81	81	0	1.48	+0.25	3	5.10		111	73	86	0.23
10. Coastal														
Bay St Louis	95	67	80			5.38		5	7.34					
Biloxi	96				82		0.9				0.	7		
Gulfport	94	70	83	82	+1	0.11	-1.49	2	6.11					
Pascagoula	91	67	80	82	-2	0.81	-0.89	4	5.89					
Poplarville	95	68	81	81	0	1.54	-0.20	4	3.75		101	75	86	0.35
Extreme/Average	95	67	81	82	-1	1.75	+0.07	3	4.81		101	75	86	0.35
State	98	60	80	81	-1	1.60	+0.41	3	3.99		112	73	87	0.24

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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